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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**(Case No. 97,429)**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O.Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## NOTICE OF APPEAL

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the Final Office Action dated July 1, 2003, finally rejecting claims 1-17, 21-26, 28, and 29..

The item(s) checked below are applicable:

1.  An extension of time to respond to the final rejection is required: a petition and fee of \$ are enclosed.
2.  Fee \$320.00
- Enclosed
- Not required (fee paid in prior appeal)

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 30, 2003

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